

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 2 Week 7

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Cooperation is a word that you don't hear spoken as often now as it once was. I remember 'Sesame Street' the 1970 and 80's television programme would have large sections of time to discussing this concept—that is working together for a common goal. Another key word and concept is basic skills—no matter what the area of endeavor, be it school, sport, the arts or work, nobody ever goes very far if they don't master the basic skills.

Last year my daughter who has played representative hockey for a number of years was selected in a team where the coach was very focused on pupils developing their basic skills first, walking before they ran. He told this group of young ladies and their parents that their basic skills just weren't up to an acceptable standard and that he was going to start from scratch. He said that one to two practices and a game a week was not enough time to correct these shortcomings and that the parents would need to ensure that this hard work continued at home.

Initially the team struggled because while their skills developed their game appreciation didn't. I broached the subject with the coach and he said 'wait until our tournament and then we will see what happens'.

At their tournament they were a revelation, they beat teams that had previously thrashed them and were placed higher than Otago teams had been at this tournament for a long time.

The cooperation between home and sport worked wonders and achieved excellent results.

If this can happen in a sport like hockey imagine what can happen if the same rationale is applied between home and school. So please for the benefit of our pupils, your children, work with your child's class teacher to ensure that those little home work tasks are completed well and I'm sure that you will be amazed at the progress made.

Have a great week
Mike Brosnahan

Netball Funday Last Week at the Edgar Centre



Congratulations to our netball girls who took part in the Netball Funday at the Edgar Centre on Thursday. The girls played very well and achieved some good results. Thank you to our coaches Kelly Anderson, Janine Will and Simone Reynolds who gave their time to the day. Thanks also to the parents and grandparents who transported and supported the girls.

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Religious Education

All classes are now working on the Jesus Strand

Year 1 -are learning about Jesus' life as a child compared with children's lives today. Also included is the Catholic belief that Jesus became human. Family/Whanau book page 17.

Year 2 -are learning about different ways Jesus showed his life by sharing meals, listening, talking, teaching and healing people. Family/Whanau bk page 20.

Year 3 -are learning about the Eucharist as a special meal, its link with sharing food and how Eucharist helps people to grow in holiness and grace. Family/Whanau book page 23.

Year 4 -are learning about how Jesus invites people to grow closer to God by sharing in his life through the gift of God's grace. Family/Whanau bk pg 26.

Year 5 -are learning about the Catholic belief that Jesus of Nazareth, called Christ, is both human and divine.

Year 6 -are learning that, in his mission on earth Jesus called on people to repeat and to live lives of faith, hope and love.

Year 7 are studying Jesus - Saviour and Liberator. As the risen Lord, he is with his people, freeing them from all that prevents them from responding as disciples in faith and love. Family Whanau book page 35.

Year 8 are studying the Beatitudes which are the values that Jesus lived by. Christians today are called to recognize the significance of the risen Jesus and share this throughout the world. Family Whanau book page 38a.

Mufti Day Wednesday 13th July

Our Mufti Day this term will be to support Madie Rose King. Madie has been diagnosed with B Precursor Lymphoblastic Lymphoma cancer. She is eleven years old and is undergoing treatment. She is a young person with close ties to our community and I'm sure that you will all agree a young lady who needs our support. Maddy Rose is the cousin of Brooke and Holly and the niece of Bev and Gary and all money raised will go to the King family to help with Madie Roses care.

Policy Review on Noticeboard

The Board have reviewed the Trauma and Crisis Management Policy recently and have made a few changes. This policy is on the noticeboard in the school foyer if you wish to make any additional changes please put these in writing to the board before the next meeting on the 14th July.

Monte Carlo—No lunches this Friday the 17th June.

Looking Ahead Term 2

June

- 14th PTA Quiz Night 7pm!
- 17th No Monte Carlo lunch orders
- 24th Room 2 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall
- 26th Confirmation at 9am Mass

July

- 8th Room 1 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall
- 8th School Disco
- 13th Mufti Day—Gold coin donation
- 14th Sports Exchange

PTA News

Quiz Fun Night Tonight!



Our wonderful sponsors have donated lots of prizes including, a cordless phone, ladies gift pack, meat vouchers, sports gear, wine, hampers etc.

Bring along coins for fun games including, wine toss, phone bingo, lucky draws etc.

Date: Tonight Tuesday 14th June

Time: 7pm - Come 10 minutes early to register, get a table and drink, ready to start on time!

Venue: Mosgiel RSA - Church St

Cost: \$25 per team (max 5 people) 4 is fine!

Thank you to these generous sponsors:

Healthworld Mosgiel, Central Pharmacy, Vodaphone, Health 2000, Taieri Amcal, Living Corporation, The Greenhouse, Agora Butcher, Otago Sports Depot, Mosgiel \$2 & Gifts, Pak n' Save, L.J. Hooker, Otago Farm Machinery Mosgiel, Metro Reality, Rosies Gifts & Homeware, Silver Fern Farms, Blackstone Café, Two Chefs Restaurant. Meat Warehouse, Mitre 10, Living Corporation.

Altar Servers Sunday 19th June

Alex Dodson, Lilly McKewen, & Jaylah Kennedy

A thought for the week...

Little deeds of kindness, little words of Love, help to make earth happy, like the heaven above.

Julia Fletcher Carney

Newsletter on the Web

Our school newsletter is on the school web site www.stmarys-mosgiel.school.nz

Plus all the old newsletters, so if anyone from overseas wants to see our school news, they can have a look. A great way for family and friends to see the children's activities.

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Sport at St Mary's

Netball

—**St Mary's School is on Duty this week.**

This means that all hands on deck, to help out.

We have two teams playing at 9am, the Gold Team and the Silver Team. These teams need to arrive at **8.30am** to help set up the duty table and get all the gear/poles out of the indoor centre.

I will set up a schedule for parents to nominate a time to help at the duty desk ringing the bell, contact me or your coaches with the times that you can help.

Our teams all play on court one, so you can watch the game while doing duty!

The Gold and Silver teams need to stay till 10.40am then the Blue team will take over till 12.30, when the Future Ferns team will cover till the end.

The poles need to be changed over at **12.15**, as this is a heavy job we need five strong people to come to help do this, then at the end of the day the poles need to be changed back to the higher ones.

Sports Results

Netball:

Yr 8 Gold lost 8-11
Yr 7 Silver Won 11-3
Yr 5/6 Blue Won 7-4
Future Ferns lost 7-9



Miniball

Yr 7/8 Bye
Hawkers won 21-15
Grizzleys lost 15-16
All Stars lost 14-20

Hockey

Greensticks/Fairfield lost 0-2

Photos

If you have any photos of our sports players could you please email them to me at school so I can include in the newsletter, as well as any information you have about the team/sport.

Thank you, Pauline Evans



Sports Team of the Week!

Miniball Yr3/4

The Monday team St Mary's Hawks, won their game 21/15 to East Taieri Lakers.

It was their first win for the season and a much awaited result from lots of hard work and keenness!



Guitar Lessons

As there is not enough interest there will be **no** intermediate guitar class.

Beginners Class to be offered. Starting 23rd June for five lessons 3.10-3.45pm in Room 5.

Cost \$15.

Register at the school office.

- Mary Dillon



Confirmation

Last session for the confirmation children is this Sunday 19th June at 9am Mass.

Confirmation is Sunday 26th June at 9am Mass.

Lunches

Reminder: Please remember to check what your child is bringing to school.

Lollies and treat food should **not** be brought to school, as we are a health promoting school and large amounts of sugar and additives does not help with concentration at school.

Also please ensure that your child does **not** bring expensive toys to school as we can accept no responsibility for their loss or damage.